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Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet

We're so excited that Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York will receive \$1 from every specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold throughout March 2024. Our Hannaford Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Nonprofit Partners:

596 Columbia Turnpike, E. Greenbush NY
and Nine 126th Street, Troy NY

SPRING INTO ACTION



Make a difference in your community this March with a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet. Throughout this month, each specially marked bouquet (pictured right) sold at our selected Hannaford will send a \$1 donation to our organization.

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Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Our selected stores are:

596 Columbia Turnpike,
East Greenbush NY

Nine 126th Street, Troy NY

Volunteer Awards

Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our leaders. Their hard work and unwavering dedication are truly inspiring! We would like to recognize our leaders for all the hard work that they put in throughout the year and cumulative years.

There are three types of awards available to volunteers - awards from the USA Corporation for National & Community Service (NCS), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), and Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY).

Review the awards available and select the most appropriate award. You can review them [HERE](#).

Awards can only be provided to adults who are registered Girl Scout volunteers. Each award requires a certain amount of endorsement letters. You can fill out the form [HERE](#).

Or submit your paper application to: Meena Lee, Girl Scouts NENY, 8 Mountain View Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, mlee@girlscoutsneny.org

Gold Award Project

On March 6, Ambassador Girl Scout Maya, from Troop 1190, was honored at the East Greenbush Spotlight on Youth Awards! She was nominated by Town Board member Ed Nestler Jr for her Gold Award Project, Veterans Banners.



The Southern Region International Fair



The International Fair is an annual event that honors the spirit of World Thinking Day (celebrated February 22nd each year), a day when Girl Scouts and Girl Guides everywhere come together to harness their collective power to change their world for the better. Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, believed it was very important that Girl Scouts be aware of their membership in the worldwide movement.

At this fun, educational event, we emphasize Girl Scouting as a worldwide experience. Girl Scout teams may sign up to host an exhibit representing a country in which Girl Scouts reside. Attendees may sample different foods from around the world and learn about different cultures and customs.

When and Where:

Sunday April 28, 2024
12:30-3:30

Hudson Valley Community College

Learn more [HERE](#)

Properties Online Reservation System



We will be moving to a new online reservation/payment system called Doubleknot. There will be a blackout period starting on March 15th during which we will not be accepting reservations for any new rentals. If your final payment is scheduled between March 15 and April 1, please settle the balance before March 15th. Further details on the new system will be provided soon.

Resilient. Ready. Strong.

Mental Wellness Courses for Leaders in GSLearn

The following on-demand courses are available anytime to Girl Scout Volunteers in the GSLearn online learning management systems.

- GSUSA the Mental Wellness Patch Program: Why it Matters and How to Implement it.
- GSUSA Mental Wellness 101
- GSUSA Delivering Inclusive Programming

Navigate to our website www.girlscoutsneny.org and click on MyGS on the upper right hand corner. Log into your account, click on “Gslearn”, then click on “Content Library”. You can then search by name for these courses.



Resilient, Ready Strong Patch Giveaway!

Thanks to GSUSA and a generous donor, GSNENY is excited to offer the Resilient Ready Strong patch to Girl Scouts in our Council who complete the requirements for FREE!

Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough. Go get 'em, Girl Scout!

To get your patch, complete the requirements for your Girl Scout level (you can find those [HERE](#)) then fill out the form [HERE](#) to claim your patch.

Patches can be picked up at the GSNENY service center of your choice. Available while supplies last. Patch recipients must be current GSNENY members.

Cybersecurity Day

On March 12, 2024, The College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC) hosted dozens of Girl Scouts from across the Capital Region.

The girls, ranging in age from first to 12th grade, spent the day at the ETEC research and development complex, participating in hands-on activities and discussions with CEHC students, faculty and staff, on their way to earning three Girl Scout cybersecurity badges.



Cookies!



Does your Girl Scout have customers that can't eat cookies?

Remind them to let the customer to know about our Gift of Caring program! In 2023 GSNENY donated nearly 60,000 packages of cookies to organizations across our council including:

Operation Adopt a Soldier
Blue Star Mothers
Local Regional Food Banks
School Backpack Programs
The Red Cross, NENY Chapter
The Ronald McDonald House
Veterans and Community Housing Coalition
...and many more! Reward Spotlight

Cookie Reward Spotlight



Sell 350+ packages and earn the fashionable Crossbody Bag AND Fashion Patches (along with all previous rewards!)



GSNENY Annual Meeting



On Saturday, March 9th, GSNENY held our Annual Meeting of the Members.

We are pleased to announce the following elections of members to serve on the local Board of Directors and Nominating and Board Development Committee.

The Nominating and Board Development Committee oversees the performance of the board, as well as cultivating and screening candidates for the governance positions at GSNENY.

Board Chair, Dr. Debernee Privott of Albany, NY; Elected for a two-year term

First Vice-Chair, Jillian Gale of Castleton, NY; Elected for a two-year term

Second Vice-Chair, Dr. Kristen Navarette of Troy, NY; Elected to complete a vacated term

Secretary, Selica Grant of Albany, NY; Elected for a two-year term

Girl Member-at-large: Ellen Grace of Saratoga Springs, NY; Elected for a one-year term

Girl Member-at-large: Rachael Strickland of Averill Park, NY; Elected for a one-year term

Adult Members-at-large, two-year term:

Katie Fontaine of Halfmoon, NY; Re-Elected

Kasey Kirk of Rouses Point, NY; Re-Elected

Jamie Peluso of Voorheesville, NY; Re-Elected

Chandler Ralph of Lake Placid, NY; Re-Elected

Dominique Wheeler of Albany, NY; Re-Elected

Katelyn Galbraith of Ballston Spa, NY; Elected

Freya Mercer of Albany, NY; Elected

Nominating and Board Development Committee:

Chair, Dr. Kristen Navarette of Troy, NY; Elected to complete a vacated term

Dafney Amilcar-Rodriguez Albany, NY; re-Elected for a two-year term

Selica Grant of Albany, NY; Re-Elected for a two-year term

Chandler Ralph of Lake Placid, NY; Elected for a two-year term

Summer Camp 2024

Summer Camp 2024: Leadership Opportunities for older Girl Scouts!

Counselor in Training Program 1 & 2 ([Hidden Lake Camp](#) and [Lake Clear Camp](#))

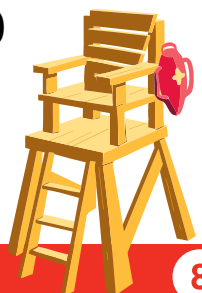
The Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York CIT program is a power-packed journey, tailor-made for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who are ready to embrace leadership while enjoying unforgettable camp experiences. Emerging leaders will participate in workshops, honing skills in communication, teamwork, and decision-making, guided by our experienced camp staff. But it's not all about training: you'll also engage in a whirlwind of camper activities, from creative arts & crafts to thrilling outdoor adventures, where you'll discover the art of creating a positive camp environment.

The CIT I program offers Seniors the perfect blend of growth and fun, empowering them to become confident and capable leaders while making cherished memories with their fellow Girl Scouts.

The CIT II program provides Ambassadors with advanced leadership skills to master the art of camp program planning and prepares them for a role as a camp counselor. All candidates for CIT II will be interviewed by the Camp Director prior to being accepted into this program.

NEW! Waterfront in Training Program ([Hidden Lake Camp](#) and [Lake Clear Camp](#))

Dive into this specialized leadership program created for those with aspirations of becoming skilled lifeguards or camp waterfront staff. This camp week covers essential water rescue skills, First Aid and CPR certification, water safety, and lifeguard ethics in accordance with the American Red Cross standards. Build your leadership skills, teamwork, communication, and professionalism at the waterfront. At the conclusion of this program, campers will be equipped with the knowledge and skills that are required to become a confident and capable lifeguard and will have the opportunity to take the lifeguard certification test. All participants must be at least 15 years old by the end of the camp week. (15+)



Mariners **([Lake Clear Camp](#))**

Campers are in for a week of high-adventure water fun as they immerse themselves in thrilling water-based activities. From honing their swimming and water safety skills to learning rescue techniques, sailing, and navigation, this program offers a dynamic blend of water adventures. We will set our course sailing and focus on learning the basics as outlined in the GSUSA Mariners guidebook. Girls who complete the basic criteria will earn their prestigious Mariner's pin, a symbol of their newfound expertise and love for the open water. Join us for a week of maritime exploration and sailing excitement! Pre-requisites: knowledge/experience with basic swim strokes (front crawl and breaststroke), the ability to swim 50 yards unaided, and ability to tread water for 3 minutes. (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors)

Leadership **([Camp Is-Sho-Da](#))**

The world needs more leaders of Courage, Confidence and Character...just like YOU! Come build your leadership skills so you can keep making the world a better place! In this program you will complete the GSNENY Teen Leader course. You will shadow counselors and program staff and develop an activity for younger campers you can run yourself. Campers in this session will meet with GSNENY's CEO and will also complete the Highest Awards workshop to get a head start on their Silver or Gold Award projects! (Seniors/Ambassadors)

For a listing of all our summer camp programs [CLICK HERE](#)

Camp Hiring Is Open!



Camp staff create a space for Girl Scouts to flourish, empowering them to make the world a better place. Spread the word to your connections.

See the positions available [HERE](#)

GSNENY Service Center Hours

9 am – 3 pm Monday – Friday

Appointments are strongly recommended, to ensure the person you wish to see will be available at the location you intend to see them.

Appointments are required any time after 3 pm Monday through Friday.

Email customercare@girlscoutsneny.org to set up appointments with the staff member you need to meet with if you are not sure how to contact that person directly.



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courage, confidence, and
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world a better place.**

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